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BARRICK MERCUR GOLD MINES, INC.

October 29, 1985

Mr. Lowell Braxton Administrator Mineral Resource Development and Reclamation Program Utah Dept. of Natural Resources Div. Oil, Gas and Mining 355 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

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Barrick has received your conditional approval letters for Dump Leach Areas 1 and 2, dated July 29, 1985 and September 27, 1985 respectively. Addressed in both approvals was a stipulation requiring an ultimate disturbance/ drainage/revegetation plan be submitted to the Division by October 30, 1985. Barrick is now requesting an extension of this submittal date be approved to allow submittal by January 1, 1986.

Barrick has retained JBR Consultants Group to prepare all required permitting documents for future mining activities at Mercur. Due to the extent of this work, documents will not be ready to submit until the first of the year. The commitment to an October 30, 1985 submittal was improper in light of the scale of work involved.

Please be assured that all outstanding issues with the Division will be adequately addressed upon submittal of these documents by January 1, 1986. Your cooperation in the matter would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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